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14-year-old accused of murdering grandmother

> *A competency hearing was set for the girl during court proceedings Saturday before a magistrate at the Wayne County Juvenile Detention Facility in Detroit.*

A 14-year-old girl has been charged with first-degree murder in the brutal stabbing of her grandmother last week.

Prosecutors allege that the teen,who was in the legal custody of her grandmother, planned the assault and have also charged her with second-degree murder in the death. A competency hearing was set for the girl during court proceedings Saturday before a magistrate at the Wayne County Juvenile Detention Facility in Detroit.

The victim, Cynthia Mosby, 65, was discovered by her son Feb. 22 when he arrived at her home in the 4150 block of Kimberly Drive in Canton to check on her welfare. He is the father of the suspect.

When he discovered his mother's body, reportedly stabbed multiple times with a kitchen knife, he called 911 and police arrived on the scene at about 7: 45 a.m.

Responding officers reported finding the woman's body in a bedroom in the home where they observed the victim lying face down on the floor.

The teen was not in the home when officers arrived, according to police reports.

Canton investigators located her, in the company of another individual, at a motel in Southgate where she was arrested at about 2 p.m. the same day. The second individual was questioned but not implicated in the stabbing death although that individual was arrested on unrelated charges, according to police reports.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy described the incident as both "sad and disturbing."

She described Ms. Mosby as a "nurse who was raising her granddaughter. Our prayers go out to her son and family."

Worthy has not charged the teen as an adult defendant, although the girl has been "adult designated." Should she be convicted of either charge, the adult designation allows the judge the option of sentencing her as a juvenile, or as an adult, or to fashion a blended sentence with the option of imposing an adult prison term if the juvenile is not rehabilitated.

Worthy's office stated that the teen allegedly planned the killing but released no further details.

"We extend our deepest condolences to Cynthia Mosby's family. Our police officers and detectives have worked tirelessly to identify the tragic circumstances of her death. Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy's analysis and charging decisions were invaluable following this challenging set of facts," said Canton Director of Police Services Chad Baugh. He added that the Michigan State Police had also aided in the investigation.

The teen, whose name is not being released due to her status as a juvenile, is expected to next appear in court April 15 where her arraignment on the charges is expected to take place. She remains in custody at the downtown Detroit juvenile facility.

No 'Rush'

Woman-owned Wayne trucking business sold

One of the celebrated success stories in the state came to an end last week with the sale of Rush Trucking Corp.

Andra Rush founded the Wayne business in 1984 using about $3,000 she had in savings, borrowing $5,000 from her parents and leveraging the limits on her credit cards. She grew the business to include the Rush Group, a holding company that includes Dakkota Integrated Systems and Rush Supply Chain Management.

Her business grew to include more than 1,000 trucks transporting automotive parts across the U.S. and Canada. The company employed about 374 drivers and was one of the largest woman-owned businesses in the state.

In a published statement, Rush said the current pandemic impacted her decision.

"With COVID-19's impact and the continual driver shortage, it became even clearer that the automotive focused segment of the trucking industry required consolidation," Rush said. "I collaborated with our major customers to ensure that a smooth transition of our business to new providers occurred, while maintaining the quality of service and ensuring continued employment opportunities existed for our employees."

That transition was reportedly the sale of Rush Trucking to Lavalle Transportation Inc. in December. Phone calls to the Rush Trucking number are directed to a message from Lavalle Transportation.

Rush Trucking has been in Wayne for nearly 37 years.

Dakkota, a company that provides assembly and sequencing of automotive interiors to automakers, will continue. Rush launched Dakkota in 2001 as a joint venture with Magna International Inc. a major automotive supplier. Rush said in her statement that she will lead the efforts at Dakkota "as we look to expand our manufacturing model of job creation into new markets."

Andra Rush

Romulus Animal Shelter is awarded grant from state

The Romulus Animal Shelter has been awarded a $4,376 grant from the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development.

Romulus was one of only 24 state shelters to receive a portion of the total $137,144 in grant funding, state officials said, which is designed to support various animal welfare projects.

The Animal Welfare Fund is supported by Michigan residents during tax season when they check the box on Form 4642, Voluntary Contributions Schedule on their state tax returns, designating the Animal Welfare fund.

Since 2010, MDARD has distributed more than $1.4 million to more than 213 local animal shelters, officials said, and added that 100 percent of the contributions made to the fund go directly to shelters to support efforts that increase sterilization rates among dogs and cats prior to adoption, provide anti-cruelty training for animal law enforcement agencies, offer proper animal care programs to the public, and assist shelters with the unreimbursed costs of care for animals involved in legal investigations.

The Romulus Animal Shelter is located at 12300 Wayne Road.

"Thanks to the kindness of Michigan taxpayers, MDARD can help to support the growing needs of shelters around the state," said State Veterinarian Nora Wineland, DVM. "Over the last three years, we have seen an increase in not only the number of shelters applying for grants but also an increase in the amount of funds being requested. This year in particular, applicants have asked for more funds to educate the public and train staff."

The state received 59 applications for grant funding this year to provide equipment for the safe and secure transport of animals found in large-scale neglect and hoarding situations; outreach and educational materials to gain support for community changes that help promote the importance of spay/neuter and proper pet care; certified anti-cruelty training for animal control officers to aid in their investigations of cruelty and fighting incidents, as well as assist in the cooperation and coordination of local law enforcement, the prosecutor's office, and community relations; surgical packs for spay/neuter of shelter animals to reduce the backlog of surgeries and reduce the length of stay for shelter animals, helping them make it to new homes sooner without the chance of more unwanted puppies or kittens.

Inkster - Northville

Inkster police offer new drug intervention help

Inkster police can now offer help rather than handcuffs to those suffering from drug addiction and related issues in the community.

The department has entered into a partnership with Growth Works to combat opioid and other drug addiction utilizing an approach of rescue, recovery and peer support. Growth Works, based in Plymouth, is a non-profit organization serving youth and families in western Wayne County since 1971.

If an individual comes to the Inkster Police Department and asks an officer for assistance and is willing to detox and follow through with treatment, the officer will contact Growth Works and begin to triage the individual to determine the need for help, explained Inkster Police Lt. Jeffrey Twardzik.

Peer coaches, who are employees of Growth Works and also have long-term recovery experience, will then be sent to Inkster to help the individual seeking help. The program uses screening, arranging medical detoxification and assisting in facilitating rehabilitation or treatment.

"If there are any outstanding warrants for the individual seeking assistance, the department will notify the courts to possibly get the bond modified and any court dates re-assigned. Any contraband discovered will not be used against the individual, however it will be confiscated," explained Twardzik. "If EMS is needed immediately, they will be dispatched and the peer coach will be directed to contact them once medical care has been completed," he said.

The program will assist individuals with opioid abuse or other drug addiction who walk into the Inkster Police Department lobby seeking help. It will also assist individuals identified with an opioid addiction who have committed low-level crime in Inkster. This program will also be available for anyone who has been arrested for narcotic violations and is being released from custody.

The Inkster program will work through St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. and is an effort to decrease the risk of continued substance abuse and overdoses, decrease hospital admission rates, increase the sense that treatment is individual and be supportive of the client's needs.

This program offers help that is non-judgmental and promotes a sense of camaraderie and increases self-esteem and confidence, Twardzik said in a prepared statement.

"These coaches maintain contact with the individual they are helping for up to one year after encountering them."

The Inkster Police Station is offering a drug intervention program in an effort to avoid the serious increase in deaths from addiction.

This intervention program utilizes "peer support" which has proven to decrease the risk of continued substance abuse and overdose, Twardzik explained. "From 2013-2015, drug related deaths have increased by 30 percent."

This program is a combined effort of law enforcement, social service and health care to prevent the fatalities associated with drug use. The certified peer recovery coaches are trained and have personal experience with recovery from drug and alcohol addiction.

"These coaches use their experiences and training to empower others to make healthier choices and stay actively engaged with individuals after an encounter and connect them to treatment and recovery support services," Twardzik said. "The Inkster Police Department is proud to be able to offer this service to members of our community as well as our neighboring communities at no cost."

The Inkster police station is located at 26279 Michigan Ave. For more information, call (734) 456-6088.

Northville assessment appeals to take place on Zoom

Appointments for property owners planning to appeal tax assessments in the City of Northville can now be scheduled with the board of review.

The appeals will be heard on March 9 and 10 by Zoom. Property owners can also send a letter seeking appeal to the address listed on the assessment notice before 4 p.m. March 10.

Assessor Mitchell Elrod presented the assessment roll to the members of the board of review during an organizational meeting last Tuesday although no appeals were heard at that time.

Officials advised residents to review the assessment notice carefully to determine any appeal. The notice states the "assessed value" and the tentative "state equalized value" (SEV) for both this year and the prior year. Those values should not exceed 50 percent of market value. It also states the "taxable value" (TV) for the prior and present year and whether the property was transferred. Taxable value is the lesser of SEV and the previous year's TV, adjusted for inflation, additions and losses. The TV is uncapped and reset at SEV when a property transfers in the prior calendar year. The inflation rate multiplier for 2021 for the State of Michigan is set at 1.4 percent.

> *Those who plan on appearing before the board of review should be prepared to provide evidence showing why the property isn't assessed at its true value...*

Those who plan on appearing before the board of review should be prepared to provide evidence showing why the property isn't assessed at its true value, such as reports of recent prices of home sales. Residents may also need to provide proof of ownership of a particular building or parcel if not listed as the owner on the assessment roll. The board of review must consider each case individually. Written appeals from resident taxpayers will be given equal weight and status with personal appearances at the Zoom meeting.

Annually, the city assessor reviews records, including recent property sales (April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2020), detailed reports on lands and buildings, and builder permits, along with personal visits when needed, to determine the size, components and condition of such properties.

Those with questions about the assessed value of a home, land or business property, can contact Elrod by phone at (248) 305-2704, fax: (248) 305-2892 or email. Elrod is usually available from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Fridays.

Meetings of the board of review are taking place using Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Anyone needing assistance or accommodations should contact the city manager's office at (248) 449-9905.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 18, 2021 for the following:

MOWING & LAWN CARE MAINTENANCE

Proposals may be downloaded on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: mike.sheppard@canton-mi.org. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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Charter Township of Northville
Wayne County, Michigan

Notice of Public Hearing:
Thursday, March 18, 2021
Grant Application for Seven Mile Road Trail

The Charter Township of Northville Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. regarding the funding for the construction of a proposed trail along Seven Mile Road, between Hines Park Trail (west of Northville Road) and an existing pathway (approximately 3,300 feet west of Haggerty Road). To participate in the Charter Township of Northville Board of Trustees' Virtual Public Meeting, visit the Township's website at https://twp.northville.mi.us/RemoteMeetings for participation options and instructions.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, written comments may be submitted to the attention of Roger Lundberg, Clerk, Northville Township, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168 or rlundberg@twp.northville.mi.us.

Roger Lundberg, Clerk
Charter Township of Northville

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
2021 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW DATES

The Northville Township 2021 Board of Review will conduct hearings held by either electronic remote access, unless by the dates of the March Board of review meetings it becomes lawful under state agency rules for an indoor in-person public meeting to be held. Electronic remote access, in accordance with Michigan law, will be implemented in response to COVID-19 social distancing requirements and limitations on the number of individual in an indoor public gathering. If in-person public meetings become a lawful option, then the meetings will allow to be heard in-person at Northville Township Hall 44405 6 Mile Rd., Northville.

To access the March Board of Review meeting, visit the Township's website at https://twp.northville.mi.us/RemoteMeetings for participation options and instructions.

Write-in appeals will be accepted up until the last meeting date of the Board of Review on March 12, 2021 by 11:00 a.m. Postmarks not accepted. Drop Box available.

The following dates for appeals from citizens, regarding the 2021 assessments are by appointment.
Starting February 22, 2021 you may call (248) 348-5811 to schedule an appointment.

Tuesday March 02, 2021 9:00 am Organizational Meeting Only (no hearings)

Appointment Dates for Hearing:

Monday March 8, 2021 9:00 am to 12 Noon and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Tuesday March 9, 2021 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Thursday March 11, 2021 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Friday March 12, 2021 9:00 am to 11:00 am

All persons protesting their assessment must complete a petition (form L-4035) which can be obtained at Northville Township Hall or on the Township website: twp.northville.mi.us under Assessor's Department or at www.michigan.gov/treasury.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2021 are as follows:

Agricultural……50.00%….1.0000
Commercial……49.29%….1.0144
Industrial……49.22%….1.0158
Residential……49.25%.....1.1523
Timber-Cutover……50.00%.....1.0000
Developmental.....50.00%.....1.0000
Personal Property…....50.00%.....1.0000

Roger Lundberg
Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE TO PUBLIC
BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENTS

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Michael A. Siegrist, Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan to all residents of the Charter Township of Canton the March Board of Review will be held in the Canton Township Hall on the first floor, at 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

All persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing to or in writing to the Board of Review. All petitions must be received in the Assessor's office by March 10, 2021 by 9:00 p.m.

The following is the schedule for March Board of Review.

Monday, March 8th, 2021 Hearings from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)

Tuesday, March 9th, 2021 Hearings from 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)

Wednesday, March 10th, 2021 Hearings from 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)

Please be advised that entry to the building can only be accessed through the front entrance of the Township Hall.

To schedule an appointment or if you have any questions regarding the March Board of Review you may call the Assessor's Office at 734-394-5111.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with disabilities who require special accommodations, auxiliary aids or services to attend/participate at the meeting/hearing should contact Kerreen Conley, Human Resources Manager, at 734-394-5260. Reasonable accommodations can be made with advance notice. A complete copy of the Access to Public Meetings Policy is available at www.canton-mi.org

Michael A. Siegrist, CLERK
Charter Township of Canton Township

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NOTICE - CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

REQUEST FOR BIDS

NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP WEB DESIGN SERVICES

The Charter Township of Northville will receive sealed bids for **NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP WEB DESIGN SERVICES** according to the specifications of the Charter Township of Northville.

The Charter Township of Northville is a tax-exempt municipal government located in Wayne County. The Township provides services to approximately 30,000 residents. The Township's website provides public access to information about Township services, meetings and commissions, events open to the public and news of interest to the community - with a focus on local people, buildings, neighborhoods and events.

To improve our communication and access, the Township seeks to upgrade the design and functionally of the website to reflect new technology standards that offer ease-of-use and engage users. The Township also requires two additional sub site to be used for the Northville Parks and Recreation Department and the Northville Youth Network. The Township requires a mobile responsive website that adapts to desktop computers, laptops, smart phone and other devices. The website should use the latest technology advances, recommended by the vendor and outlined in the specifications section of this document. The new website will:

- Produce a modern and engaging design;
- Have streamlined information architecture that simplifies and optimizes the user's experience with site navigation;
- Be a modernized standard for communication;
- Be easy to maintain internally with outside support available as needed.

All pricing stated as a response to this request for proposals is not to exceed the bid amount.

During the evaluation process, the Township reserves the right to request additional information or clarification from vendors, or to allow corrections of errors or omissions. Vendors submitting proposals may be requested to make oral presentations as part of the evaluation.

Both this document and the winning bid(s) will be considered contractual components.

Sealed bids will be received until **2:00 P.M.** prevailing Eastern Standard Time, **Thursday, March 18, 2021** at which time bids will be virtually opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows and delivered to:

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
TOWNSHIP CLERK'S OFFICE
44405 Six Mile Road
Northville, MI 48168

All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED

"NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP WEB DESIGN SERVICES"

AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER.

The Township reserves the right to accept any or all alternative bids and award a contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informalities or both; to reject any or all bids; to subdivide the award, and in general to make the award of the contract in any manner deemed by the Township, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the Charter Township of Northville.

For full details and important project dates, visit the Northville Township website at https://www.twp.northville.mi.us/projects.

Shaun Nicoloff
Director of Information Technology

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ROMULUS

Sweeping success

4th Annual Curling Royale generates funds for charity

The fourth annual Curling Royale tournament in Romulus brought out several four-person teams to participate in the charity event.

This year, the event earned $2,300 for the Great Lakes Burn Camp for Kids. First place honors for the day went to Team Newman who defeated the rest of the hopefuls with their sweeping skills during the Feb. 20 event.

Curling is a sport in which players slide stones on a sheet of ice toward a target area which is segmented into four concentric circles. It is related to shuffleboard. Two teams, each with four players, take turns sliding heavy, polished granite stones, also called rocks, across the ice curling sheet toward the house, a circular target marked on the ice.

The purpose is to accumulate the highest score for a game; points are scored for the stones resting closest to the centre of the house at the conclusion of each end, which is completed when both teams have thrown all of their stones. A game usually consists of eight or 10 ends.

Organized again this year by Romulus Director of Public Services Robert McCraight, the below freezing temperatures only inspired the "curlers."

McCraight said it was a beautiful day on a perfect ice rink at Mary Ann Banks Park on Goddard Road.

McCraight also said he wanted to thank all the participants and those who helped organize the event including Kevin Krause, Jimmy Crova and Melissa Bellamy Crova, Michael Laskaska, Jerry Frayer of the Romulus Fire Department, Jennifer Frayer, Jerry Fredrick and the DPW crew, Suzie Que "and of course them Leonard girls."

"This is my Romulus," he said on his Facebook post.

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
2021
MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF SUMPTER TOWNSHIP.
THE SUMPTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW WILL BE MEETING AT THE SUMPTER TOWNSHIP HALL, 23480 SUMPTER ROAD, BELLEVILLE, MI 48111 ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

Tuesday, March 2nd, 2021	*4:30 PM Organizational Meeting*
Monday, March 8th, 2021	*1:00 PM - 9:00 PM Appointments*
Wednesday, March 10th , 2021	*9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Appointments*

All hearings are by appointment only and must be accompanied by a petition form. Please call one of the numbers below for an appointment. Petitions are available at the Sumpter Township Supervisors Office or download a petition for at www.michigan.gov/treasury: click on forms: type in form number L-4035.

Written appeals are accepted as well and must be accompanied by a petition form and received in the assessing department by Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 4:00 pm. No postmarks are accepted. Mail petitions to: Sumpter Township Board of Review 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111.

Hardship/poverty exemptions are accepted as well. Please call the assessing department for more information on this exemption.

Any questions regarding the Board of Review, contact the Supervisor's Office at (734) 461-6201 ext. 2229, or the Assessing Department, Tuesdays & Thursday at (734) 461-6201 ext. 2236.

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Esther Hurst
Clerk
Sumpter Township

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Township of Sumpter
2021-2022
Virtual Budget Public Hearing Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE:
To mitigate the spread of COVID-19, protect the public health, and provide essential protections to Sumpter Township residents; this Board of Trustees' meeting was conducted virtually in compliance with State of Michigan Governor's Executive Order(s) and MDHHS directive(s) regarding remote public meetings.

The Sumpter Township Board will hold a ***virtual*** public hearing (by electronic remote access) on the proposed township budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 during its Regular Board Meeting on March 9, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

***The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.**

A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at Clerk's Office.

The public may participate in the Township Board Meeting and the Budget Public Hearing through electronic remote access via Zoom access by computer, smart phone/device using the following link:

Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device:
Please click/use this URL to join. https://zoom.us/j/97052396485?pwd=cElndzdsZi8xYm9oNG0xK3RhRmNsZz09
Passcode: **J5a6Q9**

Or join by phone:
(646) 558 8656
Webinar ID: **970 5239 6485**
Passcode: **048744**

Or visit our website:
www.SumpterTwp.org/Community/Links
to click the Zoom Meeting link

Americans With Disabilities (ADA)
Notice The Sumpter Township board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon a 5-day notice to the Sumpter Township board. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Sumpter Township board by writing or calling the following:
Esther Hurst, Clerk at 23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111 or by phone at; (734) 461-6201 ext. 2224.

Notice complies with MCL 141.436 and MCL 211.24e

Esther Hurst, Clerk
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Canton - Plymouth

1 million calls seek Canton vaccine appointments

Julie Brown
Special Writer

As the phones opened Feb. 22 for the first round of COVID-19 vaccinations in Canton Township, some one million calls came in within six hours.

"It's really important that we acknowledge all the people" helping, said Christopher Stoecklein, Canton director of fire services. For those who made appointments, all now at least age 65, he urged them to show up no more than 10 minutes before their appointment, and for those without appointments to stay home.

Township Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, at the Canton Board of Trustees meeting Feb. 23, thanked Wayne County Commissioner Melissa Daub for her help with the vaccination clinic. Canton appointments were made for inoculations Feb. 25-26.

In other business during the Feb. 23 meeting, trustees unanimously approved purchase of 10 Dell laptop computers at a cost of $22,840.40. The purchase will be paid using drug forfeiture funds.

Canton Director of Police Services Chad Baugh said the computers will provide a level of security in the department.

"It's based on the security of the computer. There's a lot of information that flows through" on Courts and Law Enforcement Management Information Systems, commonly called CLEMIS," he said.

Trustees also heard a presentation on future landscape architecture in the township from Jade Smith, director of Municipal Services. He noted Canton will be mostly built up in about 10 years and outlined key components of using an outside firm for landscape architecture and its planning.

> *Members of the board of trustees also recently OK'd reappointments to the advisory council for the Canton Cares Fund.*

Cost savings likely will follow, Smith said.

Trustees also heard from Beth Meade, Canton Community Foundation president, and Laura Mortier, a township recreation specialist, about the Canton Cares Fund. Mortier chairs the advisory council and explained the fund was founded in 2017 and works with youth, veterans, and seniors, among others.

Mortier described an older woman in a home without running water, an impetus to form Canton Cares. Donors get tax breaks because it's through the foundation" that they give money, she explained.

The Police/Fire Awards are also presented through the foundation, and Mortier said she believes it matters "to have some sort of township representation on the board. It doesn't have to be me."

Members of the board of trustees recently OK'd reappointments to the advisory council for the Canton Cares Fund which has also funded scholarships to youths who've worked as election inspectors, which Clerk Michael Siegrist said helped in recruiting help, especially when older adults have COVID-19 fears.

Meade said the goal had been to raise $46,000 a year. That has fallen short, but she showed financials including reserves of nearly $31,000.

"We feel this has been a really successful program," she said.

Both Graham-Hudak and Trustee Steven Sneideman praised the presentation by Meade and Mortier. "I would like to look it over again," agreed Trustee Kate Borninski, in requesting a copy.

'Pal'entine party

Seniors celebrate holiday with visits from man's best friend

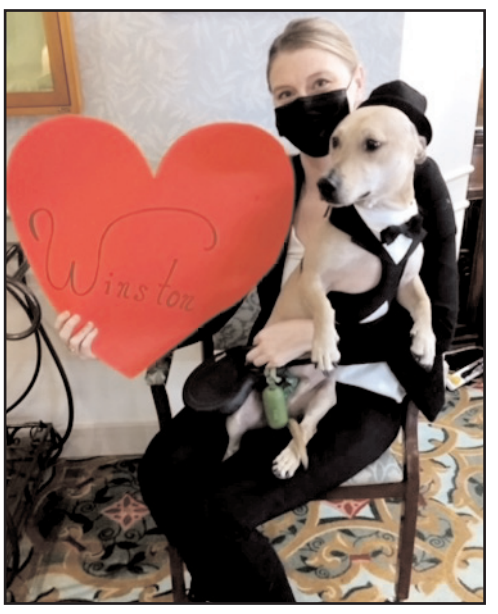
There was a lot of love at the Valentine's celebration at Independence Village of Plymouth last month.

Residents and staff enjoyed visits from canine ambassadors who either live in the community or belong to staff members. Residents had the opportunity to sign up in small groups and watch as the visiting dogs performed tricks, paraded around in costumes, showed off their obedience training and "looked adorable."

Residents voted for their favorite 'Best in Show' dog. The winner received a gift basket for both the dog and human companion. Residents made homemade doggie treats for all of the contestants during an activity session hosted at the residence. Registration sheets were distributed so residents could get to know the furry friends better.

A spokesman noted that this was one of the "first events that brought everyone together, but still at safe distances." A majority of the residents and employees are now vaccinated, so events like this will be more common and more safe moving forward, she added.

Independence Village of Plymouth is located at 14707 Northville Road in Plymouth. To learn more about Independence Village, call (734) 453-2600.



NOTICE TO CUT NOXIOUS WEEDS

To the owner or occupant or any person or persons, firm or corporation having charge of any land in the Township of Canton:

Notice is hereby given that all noxious weeds growing on any land in the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan, must be cut and destroyed on or before the 1st day of May, June, July, August, September, and October 2021 and/or as needed. And every owner, occupant, or person having charge of any such land must notify the Township that such weeds have been destroyed within three days of such cutting. Any person failing to comply with this notice on or before the date mentioned shall be liable to the imposition of the penalties set forth in Ordinance Number 64, of the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan, and shall be liable for all expenses incurred by the Township in destroying said noxious weeds, which expenses, if unpaid by the owner or to the occupant, shall be spread against the property on the next County and School Tax Roll or the next General Township Tax Roll and/or the Township may place a lien upon the property to secure the collection of such expense.

The township may notify by certified mail, with return receipt requested, the owner, agent, or occupant, as shown on the current county and school tax roll, of any lands on which such noxious weeds are found growing. Such notice shall contain methods of treating and eradicating such noxious weeds and a summary of the provisions of this section. Failure of the township to give such notice shall not, however, constitute a defense to any action to enforce the payment of any penalty provided in this article or any debt created under this article.

NOTICE TO CUT LAWN GRASS IN EXCESS OF FIVE INCHES

The township shall notify the violator of excessive lawn grass in the same manner as provided for in Ord. No. 78-2(c).

(Ord. No. 64, as amended, § 6, 6-24-1997; Ord. of 8-9-2016(1), § 1)

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
2021 SIDEWALK REP AIR PROGRAM - SUMMER
HEARING OF NECESSITY FOR SIDEWALK REPLACEMENTS
FOR THE FOLLOWING SUBDIVISIONS:

ZONE 6 - Target Subdivisions (Summer)

Hidden River Estates	Meadow Villages of Canton #2
Huntington Place # 1	North Woods Place
Huntington Place #2	Pinewood # 1
Kimberly Meadows	Pinewood #2
Meadow Villages of Canton # 1	(Including Miscellaneous Locations)

ALL subdivisions located in ZONE SIX are south of Cherry Hill Road,
west of Canton Center Road, east of Beck Road and north of Michigan A venue
SEE ATTACHED MAP

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Public Act 80 of the Public Acts of 1989 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the findings of necessity; assessment against owners of property; hearing; exceptions; notice of the Charter Township of Canton that the Board of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 by video teleconference at 6:00 p.m. for the proposed sidewalk replacements.

To mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, protect the public health, and provide essential protections to Canton Township residents; the Canton Township Board of Trustees are conducting all meetings by video teleconference.

Public comments may be submitted to Michael.Siegrist@Canton-mi.org at any time prior to the meeting. Additionally, a public drop box is located outside of the Township Administration Building at 1150 S Canton Center Rd. Canton, MI 48188. The Clerk will read comments submitted within the Rules of the Township Board during the meeting. Members of the public who attend by telephone or video may address the Board during the public comment period via videoconference.

Please use the link below to join the webinar:
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Dial(for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):
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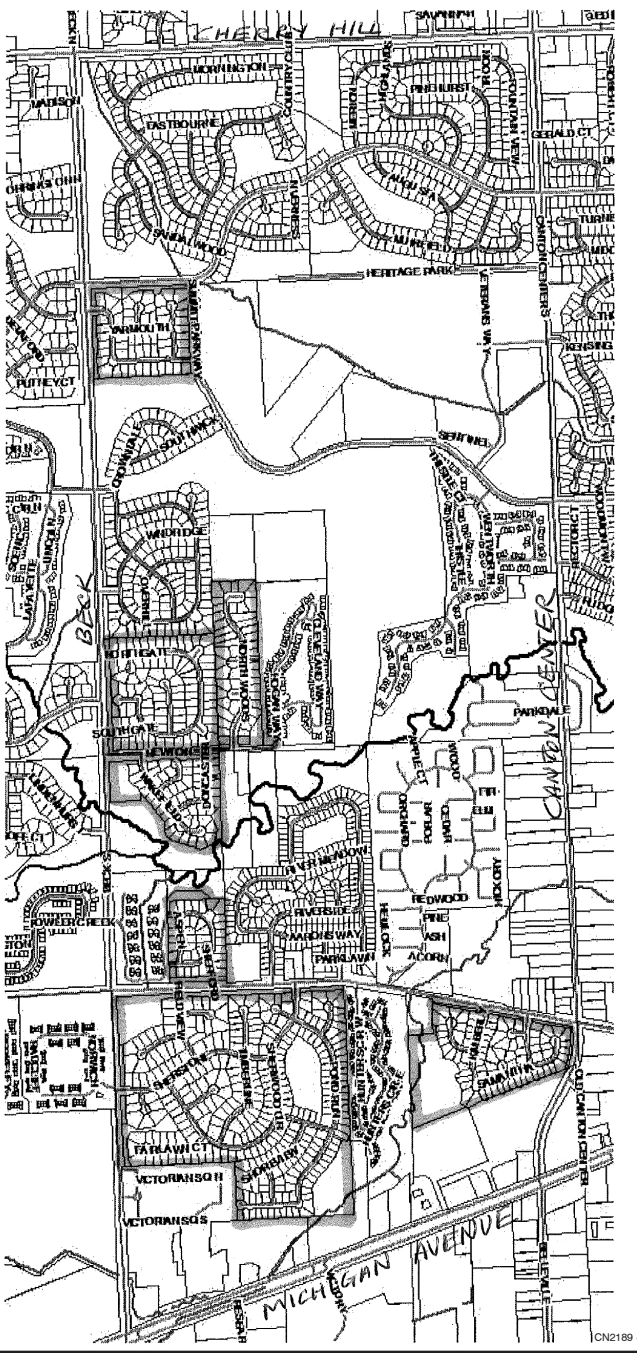
2021 SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM - TARGET ZONE 6 – SUBDIVISIONS



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SUMPTER

Trustees blast incorrect warming center claims

Members of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees stressed the availability of the warming center in the community during inclement weather.

Supervisor Tim Bowman commented during the Feb. 23 meeting of the board members that he had received a phone call from Wayne County questioning the availability of the center following a letter to the editor printed in a local newspaper claiming that the center were not available or open to the public. He said it was disturbing to realize that such misinformation was circulated in the township.

Trustee Matt Oddy was even more adamant in his criticism of the false claim that the center was not open for Sumpter residents during the recent cold temperatures which presented a serious health threat. He said that the report was part of "continued negative reporting" from the paper.

Oddy said he was very concerned that people who might be interested in investing in or moving to the township would be negatively influenced by inaccurate reports of the township failing to provide services to residents.

> *Whatever is going on in your home, if you are not safe, call us. We will find you help.*

He asked Police Chief Eric Luke to clarify the situation.

Luke said the published information about the warming centers was not correct and that he had taken advantage of every means possible to inform Sumpter residents that the warming center was open and available.

"This paper said that we were not meeting the needs of the community and I want to make it very clear that we are open whenever citizens need help. Whether the center is open or not, call us and we will help you. Call the police or fire department and we will help you. That's what we do."

He said the information about the availability of the warming center was on the police department website, the police department Facebook page and on Channel 12 in the township continuously telling people that whenever it is not safe in their home to call the police or fire department.

He was critical of the erroneous information as was city attorney Rob Young.

"This has gone on for decades," Young said. He added that this negativity about the township had been continuous and was an inaccurate representation of the community and could impact those thinking of moving to or investing in Sumpter.

Oddy said that the misinformation was printed in a letter to the editor and the accuracy of the claims was never checked.

"Whatever is going on in your home, if you are not safe, call us. We will find you help," Luke said. "We are in business to help our residents," he concluded.

Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 9, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111 Minutes

NOTICE:
To mitigate the spread of COVID-19, protect the public health, and provide essential protections to Sumpter Township residents; this Board of Trustees' meeting was conducted virtually in compliance with State of Michigan Governor's Executive Order(s) and MDHHS directive(s) regarding remote public meetings.

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Bowman at 6:27 pm. Roll call: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark, Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Also showing present: Deputy Clerk Burdick, Deputy Treasurer Clark, Finance Director Cole, Public Safety Director/ Chief of Police Luke, Fire Chief Januszyk and 20 attendees.

3. Agenda: Motion by LaPorte supported by Oddy to approve the agenda as amended;
TABLE: 13. Unfinished Business, A. Tabled until February 23, 2021.
ADD: 14. New Business, Item F.
Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only: No comments were received.

5. Minutes:
Motion by Oddy, supported by Hurst to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2021 as amended;
ADD: To 11. Board Response, 2nd Motion;
"and Mr. Bednark agrees to accept in full satisfaction of all claims through December 15th, 2020."
Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2021. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

6. Warrants:
Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to approve warrants totaling: $1,109,402.25.
Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7. Supervisor's Report - Bowman:
- The Township Hall will be closed on Monday, February 15th in observation of Presidents' Day.
- I am appointing myself, Timothy P. Bowman as liaison to the Building Department / Ordinance.
- I am appointing Trustee Rush as liaison to Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation.
- I recognize Clerk Hurst as liaison to Sumpter Senior Center
- I recognize Trustee LaPorte as liaison to Sumpter Township Fire Department.
- I recognize Trustee Oddy as Liaison, member and ex-officio of Sumpter Township Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Please remember that the last day to pay taxes at the Township is Monday, March 1st, 2021. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the Supervisor's report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

8. Attorney's Report - Young:
Twp Lawsuits & Adversarial Proceeding 3%, Insurance matters 2%, Township Board meetings 9%, Meeting with Twp Officials 11%, Water & Sewer 8%, Police, Fire & Prosecutions 25%, Ordinance & Blight 5%, Labor Contract/LOU 6%, Republic 2%, Planning 6%, Library 1%, Parks & Recreation 2%, Storm Water Management & MDEQ 2%, Board Direction 6%, Audit/Finance 7% and Misc. 4%.
- Attorney Young recognizes Judge Lisa Martin 34th District Court as an attendee on the virtual Board Meeting. Her Honor can attest to the challenges of conducting business within the court systems due to COVID restrictions.
- Attorney Young is working with the Water Department on a Grant application for infrastructure repair and upgrades. Hennessey Engineering is involved in this project, as well.
- Attorney Young is working with HR Bellingham and FD O'Connell on the Collective Bargaining Agreement to get discussions and activities restarted that were paused by the virus impacts. Closed Sessions can be expected with these activities.
- Attorney Young provided an update on the service & separation agreement currently in process with DS Bednark and his attorney.

Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to approve the Attorney's report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

9. Police Report - Chief Luke:
Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush to approve the Police report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor
T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

10. Building/Ordinance Report - Bowman:
Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to approve the Building/Ordinance report as reported by Trustee Rush. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.
*Note: Trustee Oddy requested the Finance Director to review the data, specifically outflow cost, to ensure accuracy in reporting.

11. Fire Report - Chief Januszyk:
Motion by LaPorte, supported by Morgan to approve the Fire report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor
T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

12. Board Response:
- Trustee LaPorte recognized that all things are running well and smooth and he looks forward to the continuation of the recent level of communication by the Board Members.
- Trustee Morgan requested Board consideration for a new Category of Board and public interaction and exchange of ideas - Topics For Discussion. Board discussion determined the best placement for this would be during the Workshop prior to each Board Meeting. The Clerk's Office is tasked with developing an Agenda-like format to support this during the Workshop.

13. Unfinished Business:
A. **TABLED until February 23, 2021** to consider approval of appointing Eric Partridge to the Planning Commission.

14. New Business:
A. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to accept the resignation of probationary Police Officer Nickolas Toth, with an effective date of January 25, 2021. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve of the Treasurer's Office requesting Cari Ford of Post, Smythe, Lutz & Ziel of Wayne, LLP to meet and assess the Treasurer's Office operations and recommend training. ~~A cost proposal for this service will be presented prior to the activities for Board of Trustees' approval.~~ **Cost not to exceed $3,500.00.** Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Morgan, supported by Rush to approve of Resolution # 2021-01 regarding Township of Sumpter Poverty Exemptions. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

D. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to approve of the annual contribution to the Belleville Area Museum of $10,000.00. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Morgan, supported by LaPorte to approve to continue the discussion with Belleville District Library regarding the Media Center/Sumpter Twp Coffee Shop. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

** F. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve Attorney Young's development of a Resolution to recognize an increase of (7) to (9) Members of the Sumpter Township Planning Commission and presenting to the Board of Trustees for approval. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

15. Announcements: None.

16. Open Floor: No one spoke.

17. Adjournment: Motion by Morgan, supported by Rush to adjourn at 7:14 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by,
Anthony Burdick, Deputy Clerk Sumpter Township

_____ _____
Esther Hurst, Clerk Date

_____ _____
Timothy Bowman, Supervisor Date

*Amended during Regular Board Meeting
**Added during Regular Board Meeting

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Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 26, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111 Minutes

NOTICE:
To mitigate the spread of COVID-19, protect the public health, and provide essential protections to Sumpter Township residents; this Board of Trustees' meeting was conducted virtually in compliance with State of Michigan Governor's Executive Order(s) and MDHHS directive(s) regarding remote public meetings.

Meeting called to order by Supervisor T. Bowman at 6:36 pm. Roll call: Supervisor T. Bowman (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI), Clerk E. Hurst (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI), Treasurer J. Clark (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI), Trustees: Oddy (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI), Rush (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI) and Morgan (Wayne Cty, Sumpter Twp, MI). LaPorte excused. Also showing present: Deputy Clerk Burdick, Deputy Supervisor Bednark, Deputy Treasurer Clark, Finance Director Cole, Public Safety Director/ Chief of Police Luke, HR Bellingham and 10 attendees.

3. Agenda: Motion by Oddy supported by Hurst to approve the Agenda as amended;
Remove: 12. Unfinished Business, Item A.
Table: 12. Unfinished Business, Item B.
Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. LaPorte excused. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only: No Comments.

5. Minutes:
A. Motion by Oddy supported by Rush to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2021. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. LaPorte excused. Motion carried.

6. Warrants:
A. Motion by Rush, supported by Morgan to approve the warrant total of $513,807.36 with an explanation to the Board of Trustees relative to Benefits expenditures for past Deputy Supervisor Armatis beyond her separation date of 11/20/2020. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. LaPorte excused. Motion carried.
B. Motion by Hurst supported by Rush to accept the Revenue & Expenditure Report period ending 12/31/2020. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. LaPorte excused. Motion carried.

7. Parks and Recreation/Chambers Report:
A. Trustee Rush reported that the recent Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting indicated that, due to virus restrictions, most 2021 activities have been suspended with possible planning for the Turkey Shoot Weekends in October and an additional fall event. This to be determined by Executive Order(s) or MDHHS further restrictions.

8. Water Report:

Motion by Hurst, supported by Morgan to receive and file the Water Report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. LaPorte excused. Motion carried.

9. Planning & Zoning:
A. Trustee Oddy requested that the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals be set up for virtual meeting activities to continue services to the residents. Several items for consideration are on hold due to the restrictions.

Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve the Planning and Zoning Report and to direct the Financial Director to determine the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals members' individual capabilities to participate in a virtual Zoom Meeting environment and determine accommodations needed to participate, if required. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. LaPorte excused. Motion carried.

10. Senior Report: No report.

11. Board Response:
- Trustee Morgan discussed the recent issue with transference from old Account Administrators to new assignments for all Township Financial Accounts and emphasized the necessity for immediate action on these types of issues and accountabilities.
- Trustee Morgan requested immediate Board action to resolve the outstanding Deputy Supervisor pay issues in question.

Motion by Oddy, supported by Hurst to, for clarification, recognize that the duties of the Deputy Supervisor are limited to the statutory duties of the Supervisor. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. LaPorte excused. Motion carried.

** Motion by Oddy, supported by Hurst to pay Deputy Supervisor Bednark, as full compensation from November 20th, 2020 to December 15th, 2020, the hourly rate paid to the preceding Deputy Supervisor plus an additional one-time consideration of $500.00 without additional benefits consideration **and Mr. Bednark agrees to accept in full satisfaction of all claims through December 15th, 2020.** Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. LaPorte excused. Motion carried.

- Trustee Rush reminds the Board that if there are technical difficulties experienced, by protocol, the meeting must be halted for 15 minutes until all members rejoin and if not remedied, the meeting be suspended for (24) hours.

12. Unfinished Business:

A. ~~Consider approval of termination request for the employment of Daniel Frost as a firefighter with Sumpter Township.~~

B. **TABLED** until Regular Board Meeting, February 9, 2021 to consider approval to appoint Eric Partridge to the Planning Commission with an effective term expiration of 01/11/2024.

C. Motion by Morgan, supported by Bowman to approve to appoint Sherry Olds to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an Alternate with an effective term expiration of 01/13/2024. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Morgan. Nay: Trustees: Oddy and Rush. LaPorte excused. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve of the reappointment of Karen Woodington as an alternate to the Board of Review with a term staring January 1, 2021 and set to expire January 1, 2024. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. LaPorte excused. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve to re-appoint Katrina Guisgand to Board of Review term to expire 01/01/2024. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. LaPorte excused. Motion carried.

F. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve to re-appoint Kathie Steigerwald to ZBA term to expire 12/17/2023. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. LaPorte excused. Motion carried.

13. New Business:

A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Hurst to approve of updated virtual meeting protocol as of 1-21-2021. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. LaPorte excused. Motion carried

B. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve of the Treasurer's Office establishing an escrow account supporting Sumpter Township's 2009 participation in the DIFS Fire Insurance Withholding Program and Resolution # 2021-05. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor
T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. LaPorte excused. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve of the cooperative agreement for the Federal Community Development Block Grant Program. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. LaPorte excused. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Morgan, unsupported to approve of immediate change from part time to full position for the Treasurer's Clerk Erica Campbell In the Treasurer's Office. This is to be consistent with the Union Bargaining agreement for AFSCME Local 1882.14. Motion failed.

E. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve of Attorney drafting (but not approving) the existing public safety directors new work contract with the old one to expire in March 2021. Roll call vote: Yes: Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Nay: None. Supervisor T. Bowman excused. Motion carried.

F. Motion by Hurst, supported by Morgan to approve tentatively reopening the Township Recycling Center on February 6th, 2021, dependent on Governor's Executive Orders and/or MDHHS Directives. Initial scheduling to be determined by the Clerk's Office. **Further, begin planning and activities to fully reopen the Township Hall, Community & Senior Centers as permitted by Governor's Executive Order(s), MDHHS Directives and review and approval by the Board of Trustees at the Regular Board Meeting, February 9, 2021.** Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. LaPorte excused. Motion carried.

14. Announcements:
- Supervisor Bowman thanked all the Sumpter Township residences and employees for their kindness and well wishes due to his family's recent loss. It is deeply appreciated.

15. Open Floor: No Attendees spoke.

16. Adjournment: Motion by Rush, supported by Morgan to adjourn at 8:04 pm. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer J. Clark; Trustees: Oddy, Rush, and Morgan. Nay: None. LaPorte excused. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by;
Anthony Burdick, Deputy Clerk
Sumpter Township

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Esther Hurst, Clerk Date

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Timothy Bowman, Supervisor Date

*Amended during Regular Board Meeting
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Wayne - Westland

Former councilman agrees to 'discuss' criminal plea

Prosecutors in the criminal case against former Wayne City Councilman Christopher Sanders have offered him a plea deal in lieu of a jury trial.

During a court hearing last Wednesday, prosecutors said they would extend an official offer of a plea deal this week in the case which charges Sanders with filing a false report of a felony, conspiracy to commit a false report of a felony and attempted false report of a felony. The charges, all felonies, stem from an Oct. 16, 2017 incident when Wayne City Manager Lisa Nocerini claims to have found a starter pistol and "fake drugs" planted in her car.

She reported finding the items to Wayne police and the investigation was referred to the Michigan State Police. When Jimmie Lee Chandler, 29, was arrested on a separate warrant two years later, he implicated Sanders, saying he had been paid to plant the items in the city manager's vehicle and then make the false 911 call.

Chandler, 29, of Van Buren Township, entered a guilty plea to reduced misdemeanor charges and was sentenced to community service and 18 months probation earlier this month.

While Sanders has consistently denied any involvement in the incident, he said he would "discuss" a plea deal. "I'm never going to say I'm not open for discussion. I'm never opposed to discussion," he said. Sanders will have until March 10 when he is next scheduled to appear before Third Circuit Court Judge Donald Knapp to decide to accept or reject the offer.

Last week, Knapp refused Sanders' motion to dismiss the charges noting that he did not have the jurisdiction to grant the dismissal due to previous court proceedings in the case. He did advise Sanders to consider the plea agreement, when offered. He suggested that a plea to reduced charges could mean probation.

"It doesn't mean you have to accept any offer. It just provides you with some opportunities to consider," Knapp told Sanders. Knapp did caution the former councilman that should a trial be scheduled, such a plea could no longer be accepted by the court. He also advised Sanders' attorney, John Cahalan, that should a trial be scheduled, a motion to dismiss could be considered during those proceedings.

Last week, the City of Wayne approved an estimated $25,000 to $50,000 settlement of a lawsuit Nocerini filed against Sanders claiming damages in the incident. As he was a city councilman at the time, the city is liable for any financial compensation. Following that settlement, to be paid by the city insurance carrier, Mayor John Rhaesa had strong words for Sanders.

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"Mr. Sanders has been a stain on the city for many, many years. The citizens of Wayne spoke loud and clear when they finally voted him out during the 2018 recall election. Unfortunately, that message still has not resonated with Mr. Sanders as he continues to embarrass the city and community with his unprincipled behavior. I also firmly believe that Mr. Sanders was the ringleader behind these horrible acts against the city manager and he needs to be held accountable for his actions. Not to mention that these acts occurred on city hall property which is disgraceful. Especially when he was an elected public official at the time the crime was committed," Rhaesa said.

4,500 call mayor's office to schedule virus vaccinations

While all the appointments for COVID-19 vaccinations in Westland have been filled, those who were unsuccessful in scheduling inoculations this week will be put on the list for the next Wayne County clinic in the city.

Officials said more than 4,500 calls were handled in Westland from those older than 65 attempting to secure an appointment either Monday or yesterday at the VistaTech Center at Schoolcraft College. The calls for appointments were directed to the office of Mayor William R. Wild who praised his staff for handling the 4,500 calls.

Following registration for a vaccination, seniors were called to set an appointment until all the available slots were filled.

Wayne County personnel administered the Moderna vaccine and those who received the inoculations will be scheduled for a second dose on either March 29 or March 31, officials said. The city will be maintaining the list even after this vaccination event and will continue to add names to it as residents register. As more doses become available, Westland will schedule additional clinics until the entire senior population that chooses to be vaccinated has been vaccinated, officials said in a prepared statement.

The event was offered for residents as another option to receive a vaccine for the Coronavirus. Residents are still encouraged to first contact their healthcare provider directly to ask them about getting vaccinated.. Availability through hospital systems, health care providers and the Veteran's Administration is changing daily, Wayne County officials said, and residents are encouraged to keep trying to secure a vaccination appointment.

"Our team has been working closely with Wayne County CEO Warren Evans who has assured us that our community will receive a sufficient supply of the vaccine, based on availability," commented Wild. "We will continue to keep our residents updated with new developments as they occur. This includes vaccinating other segments of the population which will be determined by the Wayne County Health Department."

Visit www.cityofwestland.com as it has been updated with the latest and most important information from Wayne County, the State of Michigan, and the CDC regarding vaccinations and responses to the Coronavirus pandemic, city officials advised. "That is also the easiest and most convenient way to sign up for vaccination clinic events," they added.

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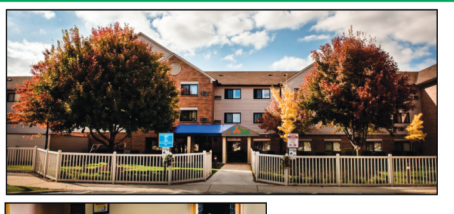
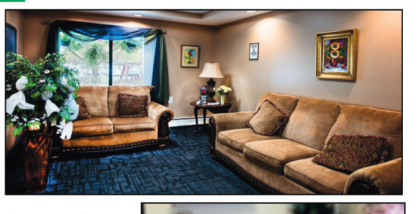

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